

# The Saint Bede's Breviary: Companions of St. Luke Edition

## Vespers for Monday after the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

(Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818)

Commemoration of Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

### Opening Sentence

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

### The Invitatory

V: O God, make speed to save us.

R: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalms Appointed

### Psalm 85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

*Show us your mercy, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.*

<sup>1</sup> You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

<sup>3</sup> You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

<sup>5</sup> Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

<sup>6</sup> Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Show us your mercy, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.*

### Psalm 85 (cont.)

*Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

<sup>9</sup> Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

### **Psalm 125** *Qui confidunt*

*You have come to mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

<sup>2</sup> The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup> Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

<sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*You have come to mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.*

## **The Lessons**

A reading from 'Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)'

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

*Those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, \*

for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:\*

you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you \*

from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm \*

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*

and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things \*

and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*

for you have remembered your promise of mercy, The promise made to our forebears, \*

to Abraham and his children for ever

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.*

## The Prayers

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### *Collect of the Day*

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### *Commemoration of Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

If your brother or sister has anything against you, leave your gift at the altar, go and be reconciled with them and then come and offer your gift.

V. Of the increase of his government.

**R. And of his peace there shall be no end.**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

#### *Prayer for Mission*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Pause and add prayers for healing, and intercessory and thanksgiving prayers here.*

#### *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20*

## **The Angelus**

The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary

*And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

*Be it unto me according to your word*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

And the Word was made flesh.

*And dwelled among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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